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Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached 1449 form.

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1. **JP 10-295437** - An English language Abstract and an English language translation of the claims of that document are submitted herewith.
2. **JP 2000-245529** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 6,305,863 B1 filed herewith.
3. **JP 62-179951** - An English language translation of this document is submitted herewith.
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